# Math Science Partnerships Grant Informational Meeting







# **Program**

**Purpose** 

- Improve mathematics teaching at the elementary level
- Create a cadre of leaders in elementary mathematics
- Enhance and stimulate the mathematics content background of elementary teachers
- Make connections across disciplines and schools of education



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- Utilize the research on effective professional development
- Develop a model that can be replicated within the state
- Improve instruction through greater use of technology, lesson studies, and use of data



# **Partnerships**

- Must Include
  - Engineering, Mathematics or Science departments from higher education
  - A high-need local educational agency
  - If present at the institution of higher education, the content teacher training department



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- May also include ( highly encouraged)
  - Other engineering, mathematics, or science departments
  - Additional local educational agencies
  - RPDC
  - Businesses
  - Non-profit or For-profit that has demonstrated effectiveness in improving math and science instruction



### Use of Funds

- Content-focused academies
- On-going professional development
- Training that enhances content understanding for grades being taught
- Uses standards-based curricula based on scientific research
- Create exemplary lessons that can be shared around the state
- Provide in-class mentoring and coaching



### **Duration of Grant**

 Assuming continued funding, the grant will be awarded for a period of three years



### **DESE Collaborations**

- Work closely with DESE content consultants to coordinate activities with grade-level expectations, state assessments, and model curriculum
- Present findings at state conferences
- Jointly develop evaluation and accountability plan